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A N N U A L R E P O R T.

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Including details of the work done by the  
Sanitary Inspector.

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Frank W.Pare, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.  
Part time officer.

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

H.Woodcock.                        M.S.I.A.  
From January to April 1945.  
Wholetime officer.

A.E.Taylor.                        A.M.Inst.M.& Cy.E. A.R.S.I.  
Engineer and Surveyor.  
From August to December 1945  
Joint appointment.

CLERK.

E.Kinder.

Health Department,  
38, Blackburn Road,  
Church.

October 1946.

To the Chairman and Members of  
the Church Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the Urban District of Church for the year ending 31st December 1945.

The various rates in this report are based on the Registrar General's estimate of the population for midyear 1945.

The live Birth Rate of 14.4 per 1000 estimated population whilst higher than the average for the last five years is 2.1 lower than the previous year and compares unfavourably with the Rate for England and Wales - 16.1 per 1000.

The Death Rate is slightly higher than the previous year being 14.4, but shows a decrease over the mean for the last five years of 1.8 and is higher than the death rate for England and Wales of 11.4 per 1000.

The Infant Mortality Rate of 14 per 1000 live births although slightly higher than the preceding year is very much lower than the mean for the preceding five years - 33 and compares favourably with that of 46 being the rate for the whole of the country.

The Death Rate from Tuberculosis of the respiratory system is higher than last year. It is .41 as compared with .20 in 1944 and .59 being the mean of 5 years 1940 - 1944.

The Death Rate from Cancer is 1.44 as compared with 2.82 in 1944 and 2.72 during the proceeding five years.

Diphtheria Immunisation has continued throughout the year 31 children being immunised and the percentage of children now immunised is; under 5 years of age 28.55 and between 5 and 15 years 58.94.

I am indebted to the Sanitary Inspector and the Clerk of the Health Department for their help during the year.

I wish also to express my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Committee, together with the Clerk of the Council and all other Officials for their valuable assistance.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK W. PARE.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in Acres ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	528.
Population(Census 1931)	..	..	..	..	..	..	6185.
Population estimated mid 1945	..	..	..	..	..	..	4841.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1945 according to rate books).	..	..	..	..	..	..	1773.
Rateable Value ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£31,224.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	£121.

Social Conditions and Chief Industries in the Area.

The occupations of the inhabitants of the area remain mainly similar as to the previous year namely weaving, bleaching and finishing.

There has been no special noteworthy cases of sickness or invalidity during the year, nor does there appear to be any conditions of occupation or environment which has been prejudicial to health.

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<u>VITAL STATISTICS.</u>	Total	M.	F.	
Live Births	63	31	32.	Birth Rate per 1000
) Legitimate				
Births (Illegitimate)	7	5	2.	estimated population
	<u>70</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>34.</u>	mid 1945. 14.4.
Still Births	1	0	1.	Rate per 1000 total (live and still) Births. 14.
Deaths	70	40	30.	Death Rate per 1000 estimated population 14.4
Deaths from puerperal causes.				Deaths. Death rate per 1000 total (live and still) births
Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis.			0.	0.
Other maternal causes.			0.	0.
Total maternal mortality.			<u>0.</u>	<u>0.</u>

Death rate of infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1000 live births	14.
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births.	15.
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births.	0.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages).	7.
" " Measles (all ages).	0.
" " Whooping cough (all ages).	0.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0.

Causes of Death During 1945.

	Males	Females	Total.
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Tuberculosis of Resp. System	1	1	2
Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Syphilitic Diseases	-	-	-
Influenza	-	1	1
Measles	-	-	-
Acute Polio myelitis & Polio-encephalitis	-	-	-
Acute infective encephalitis	-	--	-
Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus (m) and uterus (f)	2	1	3
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	-	1
Cancer of Breast	-	1	1
Cancer of all other sites	3	-	3
Diabetes	-	-	-
Intro-cranial Vascular Lesions	3	1	4
Heart Disease	10	7	17.
Other diseases of Circulatory System	-	1	1
Bronchitis	-	-	-
Pneumonia	5	4	9
Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	-	-	-
Diarrhoea, under 2 years	-	-	-
Appendicitis	1	-	1
Other Digestive Diseases	2	1	3
Nephritis	4	3	7
Puerperal and Post-abortion Sepsis	-	-	-
Other Maternal causes	-	-	-
Premature Birth	-	-	-
Congenital malformations, birth injuries, infant diseases	-	-	-
Suicide	-	2	2
Road Traffic Accidents	-	-	-
Other violent causes	1	-	1
All other causes	8	7	15.
	40	30	70

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.Laboratory Facilities.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory Manchester with the exception of sputum examination for Tuberculosis which is examined at The Tuberculosis Dispensary Accrington.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) Infectious Disease Motor, provided by Darwin M.B.
- (b) Noninfectious Disease Motor, provided by Accrington. M.B.
- (c) The Blackburn Ambulance is available always for the conveyance of patients to Queens Park Hospital.

Nursing Arrangements.

There is one District Nurse available for general district nursing but a nurse is not available for infectious disease.

Hospital Accommodation.

There are no hospitals within the district. This Local Authority are members of the Accrington and District Joint Board and prior to the war a site at Baxenden had been acquired for an Infectious Disease Hospital.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water Supply.

Water is supplied by The Accrington and District Gas and Water Board and also by Oswaldtwistle U.D.C.

Water is supplied from public mains direct to 1853 dwelling houses with a population of 4841 and the supply is considered satisfactory in respect both of quality and quantity.

No samples of water have been submitted for chemical or bacteriological examination during the year.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

No extensions of the sewerage system have taken place during the year. The sewage is treated by The Accrington and Church Joint Outfall Sewerage Board, at Copy Clough.

### Rivers and Streams.

There has been no evidence of pollution during the year.

### Closet Accommodation.

No. of privy middens.	1.
No. of closets attached to these middens.	1.
No. of pail closets.	2.
No. of dry ash pits.	0.
No. of moveable ash pits.	1846.
No. of fresh water closets.	751.
No. of waste water closets.	1321.

### Closet Conversions.

No. of waste water closets to fresh water.	5.
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### Waste Water Closets.

A large number of choked drains from waste water closets have been cleared throughout the year by Local Authority workmen. This number with a little more care on the part of the householder could be considerably reduced.

Shops Act 1934.

No action has been taken.

Camping Sites.

There are no camping sites in the district.

Smoke Abatement.

There has been no action taken during the year.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no swimming baths or pools within the district.

Disinfestation.

The infested rooms of 1 house were sprayed with the insecticide Zaldicide.

Factories.

Routine and special visits were paid to factories with and without mechanical power during the year for purpose of The Factory Act 1938.

Defects found, chiefly in connection with sanitary conveniences, were notified.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

Number of new houses erected during the year.....0.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

1. (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....130.

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....280.

2. (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head 1) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932.....0.

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....0.

3. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.....0.

4. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under 3) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....58.

2. Remedy of Defects without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers (including those brought forward from the previous year).....22.

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

(a) Proceedings under sec. 9, 10, and 16,  
of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect  
of which notices were served  
requiring repairs.....5.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were  
rendered fit after services of  
formal notices:-

(a) By owners.....2.

(b) By L.A. in default of owners.....1.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect  
of which notices were served  
requiring defects to be remedied.....2.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which  
defects were remedied after service of  
formal notices:-

(a) By owners.....0.

(b) By L.A. in default of owners.....0.

(c) Proceedings under Sec. 11 and 13 of the  
Housing Act, 1936:-

(1) Number of houses in respect of which  
Demolition Orders were made.....0.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished  
in pursuance of Demolition  
Orders.....0.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.(a) Milk Supply.

The milk produced within or brought into the district is on the whole of good quality.

Milk Special Designation Order 1936 - 1946.

No of dealers' licences issued in respect of:-

Tuberculin Tested	0.
Accredited	0.
Pasteurised	0.
Total number of cowkeepers	4.
Number on Register	4.

Dairies and cowsheds were periodically inspected.

	No.	Uns.	Sat.
Milk samples submitted to biological test (B. Tuberculosis)	8.	0.	8.
Milk samples submitted to Bacteriological Exam. (B. Coli). -do- (Methylene Blue).	10.	2.	8.
	9.	0.	9.

(b) Meat & Other Foods.

Premises where foods are manufactured, stored or exposed for sale have been inspected periodically and their condition found satisfactory.

A small quantity of foodstuffs have been condemned as unfit for human consumption.

There have been no slaughterhouses used in the district during the year.

No cases of food poisoning have been notified.

This local authority is not a Food & Drugs Authority and the work of administering the Food & Drugs Act is carried out by the County Council.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Hospital Accommodation.

Smallpox.

An agreement is in force with Oswaldtwistle U.D.C. for the use of Elmtree Hospital Oswaldtwistle.

Other Infectious Disease.

Arrangements are made with Darwin M.B. for the use of their Infectious Disease Hospital.

General.

There is no marked prevalence of Infectious Disease to report, there being only 6 cases of Scarlet Fever showing a decrease of 8 on the previous year and 1 case of Diphtheria as against none recorded in 1944.

Immunisation against Diphtheria, takes place at The Clinic Union Road Oswaldtwistle.

No. of children immunised during the year.

1) pre school children	30.
2) school children	1.

Prophylactic used is Alum precipitated Toxoid.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1945

<u>Notifiable Diseases.</u>	Total cases	U	Age Periods.										Total Deaths.	Treat in Ho
			1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45.		
Scarlet Fever.	6		1		1	1	1	2					-	0
Diphtheria.	1						1						-	0

Disinfection.

Rooms of 9 houses were disinfected during the year by means of spraying with formaldehyde and boiling on 3 occasions was disinfected by steam. The steam disinfecter belongs to Oswaldtwistle U.D.C.

TUBERCULOSIS.New Cases and Mortality during 1945.

Age periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Resp.		Non. Resp.		Resp.		Non. Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years.								
0-								
1-								
5-				1				
10-								
15-								
20-								
25-	2	1						
35-								
45-	2							
55-	1	1						
65 and upwards.						1		
Totals.	(5	2)	(1)			(1)		
	7.		1.			1.		

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis)  
Regulation 1925.

No action has been necessary under the above regulations, which concern tuberculosis employees in the milk trade.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Maternity and Child Welfare work is carried out by The Lancashire County Council.





